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Premier Mendes-France
Government was
in grave danger
tonight.

Rene Mayer told
Mendes-France
that he would
vote against

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Present debate
on the Premier's
North African
policy
Mange's decision
probably mean
the crumbling of
Mendes-France's
majority in the

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National Assembly
and downfall
of government.

Manger spoke
to a hushed
assembly at
start of 2nd
day debate
on N.A. question.

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Mayer was
applauded
frequently by
more than half

of approx 350

deputies present.

Many followers
of de Gaulle
joined in applause.

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Who also has
supported M-F
in past. Mayer
in dramatic
Conclusion of
1-hr long speech
addressed
M-F directly

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" In the past
you have often
asked for a
renewal of
confidence. In
this case I
cannot renew
mine . 25X1A9a

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OCI comment on
French situation:

Mendes - France
will make a
big play this
afternoon on North
African issue. <sup>PROBABLY WILL
ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT
REACHED ON TUNISIAN NEGOTIATIONS</sup>
He may be
able to swing

Mayer back
into line.

Mayer's position
appears to be
firm, however.

Mayer can
swing about
25 votes.

Mendes-France's
(believed)
chances now less
than 50-50.